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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 8, 2002. The response is timely filed within the one-month extension period since February 8, 2003 is a Saturday. A one-month extension request and appropriate fee are attached hereto. Claims 26-45 were rejected in the application.

The application is amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 42, add claim 46 and rewrite claims 26, 38, 39, and 43 as follows:

~~26. (twice amended) A method of printing on a thermoplastic material, the method comprising the steps of:~~

- ~~electrographically printing a toner directly onto the extruded thermoplastic material, the toner consisting of a coloring agent and thermoplastic toner particles;~~
- ~~bringing the thermoplastic material into a material reactive state; and~~
- ~~hardening the thermoplastic material thereby establishing a bond between the toner and the thermoplastic material~~